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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Japanese Office Action, dated February 21, 2011, issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2006-510975, along with Forms PTO-SB/08A&B listing the Japanese Office Action and cited references, which are submitted for consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits. It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

The following Statement is made under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed references are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English-language Abstracts. Regarding cited reference JP 5-261101, a Japanese language version is not available at this time. Therefore, corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,353,220 has been listed on Form PTO-SB08A.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, during examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 529.46525X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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